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Railways-Road transport

* 66 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India have asked for the opinion of this Government regarding the proposal to bring railways and road transport under a Centrally administered co-ordinating body; and

(*b*) if so, the opinion expressed by this Government?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) & (*b*) The reply is in the negative.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: ரோட் ட்ரான்ஸ்போர்ட் மூலமாக வரக்கூடிய வருமானத்தை மத்திய சர்க்காரே எடுத்து, இங்கிருக்கும் சர்க்காருக்குக் கொடுப்பதாக உத்தேசம் இருந்ததே, அதைப் பற்றி சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது தகவல் உண்டா?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH: தனி கேள்வி வேண்டும்.

All-India Law Ministers' Conference

* 67 Q.—Sri S. LAZAR:
Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the suggestions made and discussed in the Law Ministers' (All-India) Conference held at Delhi in 1957 regarding 'giving legal aid to the poor';

(*b*) the decisions taken; and

(*c*) to what extent this Government have implemented them?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) In the Law Ministers' Conference held at New Delhi in 1957, the following conclusions were arrived at:—

(1) Each State should formulate a scheme for legal aid to the poor.

(2) The scheme may envisage appointment of committes at different levels to entertain applications from the poor for legal aid, and to examine whether the applicants have a *prima facie* case and deserve aid.

(3) The scheme should enable requisitioning of the services of every member of the Bar up to six cases in a year.

(4) At the experimental stage, the scheme may be framed by executive orders.

(5) Each State should forward to the Ministry of Law the schemes formulated by it.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question of formulating a scheme for this State is under the consideration of the Government.